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SUBJ: ISRAEL AND GSP

REF: STATE 186204; TEL AVIV 5168 AND 4485

1. DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BAR-LEV ON AUGUST 11, HE ASKED THAT I DO WHAT I COULD TO BRING GSP CONSULTATIONS TO EARLY CONCLUSION. BAR-LEV SAID THAT GOI HAD MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO MEET US REQUESTS, AND HE BELIEVED THAT CONCESSIONS OFFERED SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO QUALIFY FOR GSP. HE STRESSED THAT EC PREFERENCES WILL BE KEPT UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO US.

2. BAR-LEV SAID THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT US AND CANADA SEPTEMBER 17-OCTOBER 2. ISRAELI EMBASSY IS PLANNING WASHINGTON PROGRAM WHICH HE HOPES WILL INCLUDE MEETING WITH SECRETARY MORTON.

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3. COMMENT: I UNDERSTOOD FROM MY BRIEFING ON COMMERCIAL
POLICY WHILE IN WASHINGTON THAT NO DIFFICULTIES WERE
ANTICIPATED IN GSP CONSULTATIONS WITH ISRAEL. I AM,
THEREFORE, SOMEWHAT PUZZLED AS TO WHY THESE TALKS HAVE
TAKEN SO LONG. I HOPE THAT WITH THE ADDITIONAL
ISRAELI CONCESSIONS REPORTED OUR 5168 THAT THESE
CONSULTATIONS CAN NOW BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED AND
THAT WE CAN HAVE THIS MATTER OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE
BAR-LEV'S VISIT.
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